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rolling the protective covering with the wing parts backward such that the outer surface of the protective covering becomes the inside of the rolled-in dental covering for easy and sanitary disposal of the protective covering;
placing the protective covering into a disinfectant;
placing the protective covering to be burned;
sterilizing the dental instrument after the protective covering has been taken off.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 16 continue to be in the case.

New claim 17 is being introduced.

Claim 13 is being amended.

The language of claim 17 is based on claims 8 through 16.

Claims 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fife.

New claim 17 is being introduced to more clearly distinguish over the art applied in the Office Action.

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Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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